

I would like to express my **wholehearted support** for the bill to remove Medicare funding for certain types of abortions. It is utterly inappropriate for this practice to occur for several reasons, such as the fact that abortions are not health procedures. Therefore, they are irrelevant to Medicare funding, which should be for health procedures only; and taxpayers should not be forced to fund these very controversial and destructive activities, which are done based on personal preference. For example, I don't want to be entrusting hard-earned tax money to my country (which is meant to help people's lives, not end them), just to see it used to kill a baby that someone didn't want because it was a girl.

In accordance with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, the law should protect the unborn considering their vulnerable state. In this age when so many of us supposedly advocate the protection of human freedoms and rights, it is alarming to see that many don't notice or care about the fundamental, monumental and disgusting violations of both the right to life, and the right to freedom from discrimination, which are suffered by these unborn children. It makes no sense that much attention and controversy is often created in our society over an array of minor instances of discrimination and rights violations, at the same time that these abortions, which are much grosser violations, are being performed with the apparent consent, indifference, or even support of the same so-called human-rights-advocating citizens.

It is not for any of us to decide that these babies do not deserve to live out their lives. It is our job to save them (and it is one of legislators' responsibilities to protect people's rights), and I urge you to do all that you can to protect these innocent lives.